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The Honorable U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dianne Feinstein,

We are living in critical times. The gun violence in this Country has become an epidemic that is crippling our Nation. It is the most challenging event that is going on all over the Country and it needs to be addressed immediately. It is not something that we can continue to dialog about, the Country needs to act now. We are therefore calling up on you to reintroduce your assault weapons ban. We have the examples of today's shooting, shopping centers, religious institutions, elected officials and law enforcement that are being gunned down.

Today the Nation is hurting. A disturbed gunman took the lives of many innocent children. Our educational institutions are now in threat and our children are the target.

We are calling upon you and your colleagues to act swiftly and pass sensible gun control legislation. There is no doubt your assault weapon legislation was an effective tool to stop the spread of assault weapons. Along with thousands of others, we are convinced if reenacted it would help prevent such senseless gun shootings as we saw in Connecticut.

We need your leadership to stand with strong conviction on this issue and to act quickly to prevent future tragedies. You can count on the support of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to assist you in every way.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Huffman & Beata Draga, President, NAACP Executive Director & CEO, BAPAC

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